

# Just the Fax

MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE LANDSCAPING PROJECT PROGRESSING WELL

The **Chamber of Commerce** landscaping project at the **Tourist Information Centre** is progressing. We appreciated the help of volunteers including those with the **United Way Day of Caring** to build the perimeter and put down the landscaping cloth and wood chips.

Since then **Steve Klein** of **Yards by Steve** has put down a pathway, placed rocks and a picnic table made by **Bill Zacharias** and planters donated by **Pembina Valley Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep**. Additional planters have been ordered and will be filled with plants and flowers as soon as they arrive.

We are still looking for an attractive, sturdy bench for the area. Anyone with an available bench is asked to contact the Chamber office at **822-5630**.

**Checker Signs** has almost completed the giant map of Morden which will be placed on the rear of the Information Centre building shortly.

Watch for further updates as the project nears completion.

## AN AMAZING RACE IN THE PEMBINA VALLEY

The Pembina Valley Travel Association is organizing an **Amazing Race** through 12 communities in the Pembina Valley **August 29 to 31, 2008**. The purpose of the race is to raise awareness of our Region and draw hundreds of visitors to our communities and to use our diverse resources of nature, museums, businesses and heritage to put on an amazing game for participants. Participants pay \$50 per team/vehicle which includes 2 nights unserviced camping, participation in the race and the chance to win \$1,000.

The **Morden Marketing Team** has agreed to contribute Morden's \$250 seed money for brochures and promotional start up costs and the Chamber of Commerce will work with the committee and local businesses to set up challenges.

The cost for each business to be involved is \$25, they must be open Saturday 9 to 9 and Sunday noon to 5 that weekend and set up and manage their challenge.

For more information or help to organize your challenge call the **Chamber Office** at **822-5630** or **Aggie Buhler** at **1-877-324-6645**.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL

Chairman **Ken Wiebe** announced that, as of June 17<sup>th</sup> the **2008 Queen Pageant** is officially cancelled. He voiced his and his committee's deepest regret, "That we were unable to find five appropriate candidates for the title of Miss Corn and Apple Festival this year but we are optimistic that candidates will come forward for the 2009 Pageant."

**Kathy Forness** and **Linda Wiebe**, Chairpersons of the **Festival Parade** want to remind all Morden and area businesses and individuals that now is the time to start thinking about entering a float or other exhibit in the Parade to be held **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The **deadline for entries is July 31<sup>st</sup>** and Parade Applications are available on the Festival Website [www.cornandapple.com](http://www.cornandapple.com).

Also watch the website for updates and information.

## COMING EVENTS

1. June 20-22- Thousand Oaks Gospel Camp – Stanley Park
2. *June 21 – Grow Your Roots Garden Tour – Art Gallery*
3. June 22–Ruth Winkler Foot Bridge Dedication–Mdn Park
4. June 23-24/26-27 – Heartland CFDC Video Conferencing Seminars – call 1-877-472-7122 to register
5. June 23 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
6. June 25 – Morden Collegiate Graduation – Rec. Centre
7. **June 26 – Farmers' Market – corner 8<sup>th</sup> & Stephen**
8. *June 27-29 – Long Journey Home – Kenmor Theatre*
9. July 1 – Beach Blast & Fireworks – Colert Beach
10. **July 3 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
11. **July 3/10/17/24/31–Farmers' Market–corner 8<sup>th</sup> & Stephn**
12. **July 8 – Chamber Executive Meeting – Mdn Motor Inn**
13. July 12/13– Morden International & Kids of Steel Triathlons
14. July 18-20 – P.V. Fur Council Rendezvous – Stanley Park
15. *July 19 – Unveiling Morden Roses Mural – east side of Boundary Trails Place at 1:00 p.m.*
16. *July 19 – Unveiling Dr. Henry Marshall Sculpture – Civic Centre at 2:00 p.m.*

## HELP MAKE A PARTS STORE HAPPEN IN MORDEN

Many businesses have approached the **Community Development Office** to express the need for a parts store in Morden. To assist efforts to attract such a business, we need letters of support. These letters should be addressed "To Whom it May Concern"; please state the reason why your business or the community would benefit from a local parts store; and bring or send your signed letters as soon as possible to the Civic Centre, 100-195 Stephen Street R6M 1V3. For information call **Cheryl Digby 822-5088** or email [cdigby@mordenmb.com](mailto:cdigby@mordenmb.com).

## THINKING OF RENTING A ROOM OR YOUR HOUSE?

Are you considering renting a room, suite or your whole house to Pipeline workers or others this year? According to **Jamie Hartry** of **BSI Insurance**, you might first want to check with your insurance broker about how that may affect your house insurance. Each insurance company handles tenancy situations in private residences differently and for some it may even nullify their insurance all together. Before you make any commitments or sign any contracts we recommend you call your house insurance broker and make sure you are protected.

## OF MEMBERS AND MORE

The **Morden Chamber of Commerce** welcomes the new **Fields** store to our downtown business district.

Fields Manager **Crystal Walker** invites everyone to their **Grand Opening** this **Friday and Saturday** with Mayor Wilson cutting the ribbon at 8:30 Friday morning. Be sure to stop in at **363 Stephen Street** or call **822-1287** to say hello.

The **Morden Area Foundation** will be hosting a **Retirement Luncheon** in honour of **Catherine Evenson** at the **Morden Friendship Centre** at **noon on Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for lunch is \$15 payable at the door. Please call **822-5614** or email [mdnfdn@mts.net](mailto:mdnfdn@mts.net) to confirm your attendance. Donations will be accepted on behalf of the **Evenson Family Fund**.